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SUBJ: NEW GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS ON STRIKES AND DEMONSTRATIONS  
ISSUED

1. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HAS PUBLISHED NEW REGULATIONS  
DATED MARCH 7 AIMED AT LIMITING STRIKES AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

2. THE REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO  
WISH TO PROTEST THE ACTIONS OF THEIR SUPERIORS MUST FIRST  
MAKE SIGNED COMPLAINTS TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE SETTING  
FORTH EVIDENCE OF ALLEGED FAULTS OF SUPERIORS. THEY ALSO BAN  
SUDDEN PROTEST MEETINGS AND ALLOW STRIKES ONLY IN CASES WHERE  
THE "GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INVESTIGATE NOR SEEK TO SETTLE THE  
AFFAIR."

3. IN ADDITION, ANYONE WISHING TO ORGANIZE A MEETING OR  
DEMONSTRATION IN THE STREET OR IN A PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENT  
MUST SEEK PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
AND JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE AGREEMENTS.

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4. COMMENT: REGULATIONS APPEAR TO REFLECT SOUVANNA'S  
GENERAL UNHAPPINESS WITH THE SPATE OF STRIKES AND DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH LAOS EXPERIENCED FROM JULY 1974 THROUGH JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. IF APPLIED, THESE REGULATIONS COULD CONCEIVABLY ESTABLISH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AS A SORT OF OMBUDSMAN TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS THROUGHOUT THE PUBLIC SERVICE. HOWEVER, IN LAOS REALITY RARELY CONFORMS TO THE LAW, BUT THE FACT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS TAKEN A PUBLIC STAND ON THE ISSUE OF CIVIL DISTURBANCES MAY HAVE A QUIETING EFFECT.  
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